

Docket No. 205822US90CONT
IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hiroyoshi TSUCHIYA
SERIAL NO: 09/848,439
FILED: May 4, 2001
FOR: WATER-ABSORBING COMPOSITES, PREPARATION PROCESSES THEREOF AND WATER-ABSORBING ARTICLES



"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-
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SIR:
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

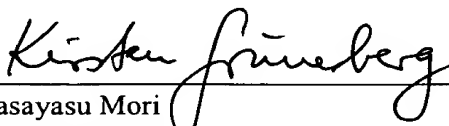
- ☒ No additional fee is required
☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
☒ Additional documents filed herewith: Copy of the Form PTO 1449 filed March 18, 2003

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	CALCULATIONS
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INDEPENDENT	2	MINUS	4	0	x \$86 =	\$0.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			+ \$290 =	\$0.00
		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$0.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity				\$0.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> Recordation of Assignment			+ \$40 =	\$0.00
		TOTAL				\$0.00

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